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## BULLETIN CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

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SUBJECT: Update on the Continuing Delay of Publication of Updated Poverty Guidelines

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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update on the status of eligibility determinations for the Child Nutrition Programs in light of the continued delay in the publication of the updated poverty guidelines issued by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). This bulletin only applies to summer programs which are closed-enrolled, or accept applications in order to demonstrate at least 50% are eligible and do not start until after July 1, 2010.

As you are aware, in order to expedite printing of applications for free and reduced price meals, Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) authorized a waiver of the requirement to include the reduced price Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEGs) by family size on any materials related to applications for free and reduced price meals.

In making eligibility determinations, schools and institutions should utilize the current 2009-2010 IEGs to make such determinations until further notice. Such determinations shall be effective from the date of approval through the remainder of the current school year and up to 30 operating days of the following school year.

At this time, FNS does not know when the guidelines will be published. We will tell you immediately if we receive them.

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